IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 (Currently Amended). A method of bonding lattice-mismatched semiconductors
- 2 comprising;
- forming a Ge-based virtual substrate;
- depositing on said virtual substrate a CMP layer that is polished to form a
- 5 planarized virtual substrate;
- 6 bonding a Si substrate to said planarized virtual substrate;
- 7 performing layer exfoliation on selective layers of said planarized virtual
- 8 substrate producing a damaged layer of Ge; and
- 9 removing said damaged layer of Ge by selective etching.
- 2 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said virtual substrate comprises an etch-
- 2 stop layer.
- 3 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said virtual substrate comprises a III-V
- 2 transfer layer.
- 1 4 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein said III-V transfer layer serves as an
 - etch-stop.
 - 5 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said virtual substrate comprises a Si_{t.}
 - 2 ,Ge, passivation layer.
 - 6 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said virtual substrate comprises a Si₃N₄
 - 2 passivation layer.

- 7 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said CMP layer comprises an oxide.
- 1 8 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said CMP layer comprises Si.
- 9 (Original). The method of claim 2 further comprising removing said etch-stop layer
- 2 after removing said damaged Ge layer.
- 1 10 (Original). The method of claim 9, wherein said etch-stop comprises Si_{0.4}Ge_{0.6}.
- 1 11 (Original). The method of claim 9, wherein said virtual substrate comprises at least
- one relaxed Ge layer and SiGe buffer.
- 1 12 (Currently Amended). A method of bonding lattice-mismatched semiconductors
- 2 comprising;
- 3 forming a virtual substrate;
- 4 using said virtual substrate to form a planarized virtual substrate;
- bonding a Si substrate to said planarized virtual substrate; and
- removing selective layers of damaged Ge of said planarized virtual substrate
- 7 associated with said virtual substrate.
- 1 13 (Original). The method of claim 12, wherein said virtual substrate comprises an
- 2 etch-stop layer.
- 1 14 (Original). The method of claim 12, wherein said virtual substrate comprises a III-
- 2 V transfer layer.

- 1 15 (Original). The method of claim 14, wherein said III-V transfer layer serves as an
- 2 etch-stop.
- 1 16 (Original). The method of claim 12, wherein said virtual substrate comprises a Si₁.
- 2 _xGe_x passivation layer.
- 1 17 (Original). The method of claim 12, wherein said virtual substrate comprises a
- 2 Si_3N_4 passivation layer.
- 1 18 (Original). The method of claim 12, wherein said planarized virtual substrate is
- 2 formed using oxide.
- 1 19 (Original). The method of claim 12, wherein said wherein said planarized virtual
- 2 substrate is formed using Si_{1-x}Ge_x.
- 1 20 (Original). The method of claim 13 further comprising removing said etch-stop
- 2 layer after removing said damaged Ge layer.
- 1 21 (Original). The method of claim 20, wherein said etch-stop comprises Si_{0.4}Ge_{0.6}.